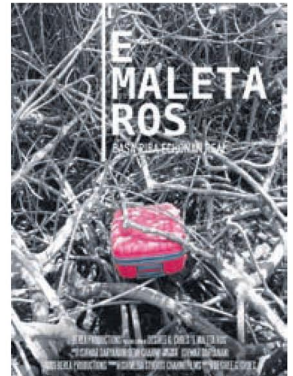




"E Maleta Ros"

A Fascinating Retelling of Little Known Island Crime History



found washed up among the mangroves of Pos Chiquito in the early 1990's. "I have long wanted to tell this story," recounts Desiree, who has written and produced two short films previously, and is now working on a full-length feature film, when not participating in governing Aruba.

Some will find the film, which is an action-filled comedy of errors with a touch of drama, hard to believe, but Desiree swears that it is mostly true. "I do prefer a more upbeat retelling," she asserts, so some of the characters enjoy a happier ending than what they actually experienced in real life.

The film is a very ambitious project deploying dozens of Aruban actors led by Jason Hijmering and Isis Corvacho Benavides, with



Tristan Vermeulen, Kaylee Ann Jimenez, Addonsito Croes, Maroeschka Cornelie, Yvonne Spellen, and Gregory Millard in key roles. Ishwar Daryanani acted as

cameraman, director of cinematography and edited the 45 minute film.

"E Maleta Ros" is in Papiamentu; for the red carpet premiere it was screened with Papiamentu subtitles. When the film opens to the public at The Cinemas on November 3, it will have English subtitles. If you are interested in finding out about this rarely examined aspect of Aruban life, this is an entertaining entry depicting a little known, but true incident that you most likely will not find in any history books! □

PALM BEACH - "E Maleta Ros" ("The Pink Suitcase") opened during a gala red carpet premiere in The Cinemas at Paseo Herencia on Saturday evening, October 8. Written, produced and directed by teacher, lawyer and Aruban Parliamentarian Desiree Croes, the film is based on a true incident when a pink suitcase filled with illegal drugs—yes, cocaine was

